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SUBJ: KOREAN TRADE UNION CONVENTION

1. FEDERATION OF KOREAN TRADE UNIONS (FKTU) OPENED ITS CONVENTION OCTOBER 10, IN PRESENCE OF OFFICE OF LABOR AFFAIRS (OLA) DEPUTY DIRECTOR HOM, DOMEI VICE PRESIDENT MIKAKA, SEVERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS OF CHINA FEDERATION OF LABOR, ICFTU-, TOKYO OFFICE DIRECTOR EIICHI OCHIAI, AND JACK GOODWYIN REPRESENTING AAFLI AND AFL-CIO.

2. AFTER OPENING CEREMONY, TEXTILE WORKERS' PRESIDENT YI CHUNG SANG OFFERED MOTION THAT ALL CHAIRMEN OF SEVENTEEN INDUSTRIAL UNIONS AGREE ON A SINGLE CANDIDATE WHO HAD CONFIDENCE OF GOVERNMENT AND COULD BEST WORK WITH ROK AUTHORITIES. THIS SINGLE CANDIDATE WAS THEN TO BE ENDORSED BY OPEN YES OR NO VOTE.

3. ONLY KIM MAL YOUNG, REPORTEDLY CANDIDATE WITH STRONGEST RANK AND FILE SUPPORT, PROTESTED AGAINST VIOLATION OF SECRET BALLOT AND ACCUSED GOVERNMENT OF THREATS AND OPEN INTERVENTION TO OBTAIN RE-ELECTION OF INCUMBENT PRESIDENT PAE SANG HO. HOWEVER, HIS PROPOSAL TO RETAIN SECRET BALLOT FAILED TO BE SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR AND YT'S MOTION CARRIED.
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4. VOTING RESULT WAS AS FOLLOWS: 137 YES, 59 NO, AND 14 DELEGATES WHO WALKED OUT IN PROTEST WERE COUNTED AS ABSTAINING. MOREOVER, UNITED WORKERS' UNION WITH 50,000 MEMBERS OR NEARLY TEN PERCENT OF FKTU MEMBERSHIP REFUSED TO PAY AFFILIATION DUES AND THUS LOST RIGHT TO VOTE.

5. WHILE KIM MADE PROTEST SPEECH, POLICE RUSHED TO BAR ALL EXITS OF CONVENTION HALL. SUBSEQUENTLY SEVERAL DELEGATES WERE OVERHEARD COMMENTING ON BLATANT CHARACTER OF GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION AND IMPOSITION OF PAE ON UNION MEMBERSHIP.

COMMENT: HEAVY HAND OF GOVERNMENT OBVIOUS AT CONVENTION. RE-ELECTION OF INCUMBENT PRESIDENT PAE SANG HO HAD ALREADY BEEN IMPOSED ON UNION LEADERS IN ADVANCE BY ROK CIA AND OLA. BEFORE CONVENTION PAE'S CHIEF RIVALS KIM MAL YOUNG, AN ADVISOR AND CO-FOUNDER OF FKTU, AND HAN KI SOO, PRESIDENT OF THE MINE WORKERS, HAD REPORTEDLY BEEN THREATENED WITH EXPULSION AND CRIMINAL CHARGES (CORRUPTION, ABUSE OF OFFICE) IF THEY TRIED TO THWART WILL OF GOVERNMENT.
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